Engineering and maintenance facilities for aircraft

6947 SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the precise engineering and maintenance facilities for aircraft available in India, with each of the Government and private sector airlines;

(b) the plans drawn by each carrier and the details of the station, financial outlay and the facilities being raised in both the sectors, alongwith the advantages in short|long term; and

(c) how the ATO's individuallly were meeting this requirement for the last two years and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Air India, Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and Pawan Hans Limited have adequate facilities for maintenance and overhaul of their aircraft. The maintenance facilities available with various air taxi operators within the country are as follows:—

—Each West Airlines have got the maintenance facility upto check 'C';

—Damania Airways upto 1500 hours check;

—Jet Airways upto 1200 hours check;

—MG Express upto 5 months check;

—Raj Air upto 250 hours check;

—Jagson Airlines upto 100 hours check;

—Archana Airways upto 300 hours check;

(b) M|s Air Works India Bombay have upgraded their maintenance facilities to cater to additional work involved in maintenance of aircraft operated by air taxi operators. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore also extends hangar facilities and other infrastructure to air taxi operators for carrying out major maintenance of their aircraft.

Existing maintenance|overhaul facilities for Airbus A-320 aircraft are being expanded by Indian Airlines in a phased manner. Add on facility for overhaul of V-2500 engines at Delhi, is also under construction.

(c) Private operators have maintenance facilities upto the issue of Flight Release Certificate. For major maintenance, they have an arrangements with their principals or other approved agencies. Cost data is not collected from private operators.

Modernisation of Calcutta airport

6948. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Calcutta airport is getting a raw deal in its modernisation, as reported in the Telegraph of April 12, 1994.

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the progress of updating and modernisation at each of the 130 airports in the country; and

(c) the names and places|States where new airports are being constructed or proposed alongwith the latest position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NAB AZAD): (a) No, Sir. The Airport Surveillance Radar and the Instrument Landing System are working normally. The Glide Slope of the Instrument Landing System is not under operation due to the runway expansion. The Precision Approach Radars have become obsolete and were replaced by the state-of-art Instrument Landing System, at Calcutta as well as other airports in the country. The use of the secondary runway is extremely infrequent. The existing secondary runway length at Calcutta airport is sufficient to cater to the requirement of B-737 aircraft with some load restrictions. The International Airports Authority of India has a proposal to

provide a taxiway linking at the beginning of both the runways. Calcutta airport is included in the ongoing modernisation plan of air traffic services which includes Air Traffic Control Automation and modern navigation aids.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) NAA has a plan to construct a new airport at Tura in Meghalaya in the VIIIth Five Year Plan.

Medical Facilities in ITDC

6949. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to to state:

(a) whether the facility of claiming fixed medical allowances has been stopped in cases where husband and wife are employed in ITDC and the same is allowed where they are working in different PSUs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that even in different buildings of ITDC a few couples are given fixed medical allowance whereas few other are denied;

(d) since when the proposal to give fixed medical allowance is pending with the Personnel Division; and

(e) whether they will be paid arrears of fixed medical allowance of the financial year 1993-94, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The facility of medical reimbursement for outdoor family treatment is applicable either to husband or wife employed in ITDC. In case one spouse is working in ITDC and other in some other PSU, the medical reimbursement is payable in ITDC if the other spouse is not availing medical benefits from his/her employer.

(c) No Sir. Both the spouses are not eligible for joint medical reimbursement and in case payment has been made to them, recoveries are effected from one of them as per the rules.

(d) and (e) The fixed medical allowance is already available and no fresh proposal is under consideration. The question of paying arrears does not arise.

Resignation by pilots of IA

6950 SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of pilots of Indian Airlines have recently resigned since promulgation of the Air Corporations Ordinance;

(b) if so, the number of such pilots and of those who have given notice of resigning; and

(c) what steps are being taken to maintain the service?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Ten pilots have resigned after the promulgation of the Air Corporations (Transfer of Undertakings and Repeal) Ordinance, 1994 on 29th January, 1994. Two of the above 10 pilots have, however, joined back. None of these pilots has given the requisite notice of resignation.

(c) The services are being maintained commensurate with the available strength of pilots. Besides, five pilots who had retired from Indian Airlines have joined as line pilots on contract basis. The signing of settlements pertaining to Flight and Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) and Productivity Linked Payment has resulted in increased utilization of pilots.

Humiliation of British Tourist in Goa

6951. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that some British tourists were arrested and humiliated in Goa recently who entered Raj Bhawan, thinking it to be a five star hotel, as there was no sign board or security guards at the entrance of Raj Bhawan: